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1. In February and March 1952 the teachers in the State School of Languages were given instruction in the terminology of foreign trade and sea transport. The lectures were given by a communist member of the Ministry of Foreign Trade, Eng. Nigrynn.
2. On the subject of media of payment and currencies Nigrynn gave the following opinions. It was clear that there would be a reform of currency in Czechoslovakia. He gave as the reason that technically Czechoslovakia belonged indirectly to the dollar area and must manage its payments in accordance with the dollar rate of exchange. However, he said, the intensity of trade with the West was decreasing. Already, only 44% of Czechoslovak trade was with the West and 56% with the East, especially the USSR. The Czechs did not need to export to the West, but needed the West's raw materials. In the First Republic export was a necessary evil, while today import from the West was the necessary evil. The crown must follow the dollar rate of exchange, but in the near future Czechoslovakia would drop out of the western sphere of influence and would transfer its foreign trade wholly to the East, towards the USSR and the popular democracies, and soon to China, where it would find immense markets. The crown would then adapt itself to the ruble, the firmest currency in the world.
3. In his lecture Nigrynn said quite openly that Czechoslovak foreign trade had another function, namely, to act as the sole satellite state still enjoying the West's confidence in the quality of goods supplied, and to serve as the only means of obtaining, through the mechanism of compensation, raw materials and goods needed by the USSR and the satellite states. Nigrynn further indicated that as long as Czechoslovakia could continue to procure these raw materials and goods for the USSR, she would belong to the dollar area. As soon as foreign trade with the West falls to a minimum and there is nothing more to gain, then the crown will come into the sphere of the ruble, and all Czechoslovak export and import will be carried on with the USSR and the East. As the

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lecturer understood it, the time for financial reform will then have arrived.

4. Nigrayn dealt with the duties of representatives of the various export monopolies and particularly with their function abroad. In his own words he stated: ".....each such representative must know about research in the foreign market and must master all details both of selling and buying of the separate articles, of the means for their payment in dollars or by compensation deals, of offers and possibilities of competition, and in general be able to submit full regular reports to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in duplicate to the Ministry of Foreign Trade. He need not get hold of these details himself, but must hire some capable representative or agent in a position to follow all such matters for him. Otherwise he must take advantage of all his personal connections to win this valuable information. He must act in close collaboration with the legation itself and with the commercial attache. He should submit the reports in duplicate for both Ministries, through the diplomatic pouch."

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